

Sinclair Broadcasting should not be allowed to use their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election! Not only is this a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, it is also blatantly inappropriate corporate interference in democracy. Legal precedent notwithstanding, corporations are not persons and do not, thankfully, have the right to vote, and they should not be allowed to use public space to force their private opinions on the American citizens who DO have the right and obligation to vote.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.